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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Surya Raghu et al

Serial No. 09/602,018

Group Art Unit 3752

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Examiner C. Kim

For: SPA TUB FLUIDIC NOZZLES

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PETITION TO ENTER AMENDMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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Applicants hereby respectfully petition the Commissioner to direct the Examiner to enter the amendment filed March 1, 2002. In the Advisory Action mailed March 12, 2002, the Examiner denied entry of the amendment contending that the recitation of "a common outlet" in claim 1 changes the scope of the claimed invention.

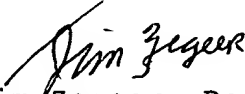
Clearly, this is not the case. Claim 1, last line, before the amendment recited "entraining ambient air in water passing through said common outlet"; and the amendment provides a proper antecedent for "said common outlet." It neither enlarges the scope of the claim nor does it narrow the scope of the claim. It only makes the claim more definite.

And it is clearly responsive to the Examiner's rejection to Claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, that:

- Claim 6 recites the limitation "said outlet" in line 4. It is uncertain whether it is in reference to one of the pair of outlets or the common outlet recited in claim 5.

Clearly, this neither enlarges the scope of the claim nor diminishes the scope of the claim but merely makes the claim definite and in compliance with the Examiner's rejections. Entry of the amendment is believed to be in order.

Respectfully submitted,


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